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Candidate chosen for new Designated Conference Minister

The search committee has selected Rev. June Boutwell as the candidate for the new Designated Conference Minister position. She will be presented to the Southeast Conference as a whole at a special call meeting on February 1st. Members of the Southeast Conference are encouraged to come meet Rev. June and hear about her ministry and plans for this new position. An invitation to this special meeting from Jim Crabb, SEC Moderator and Rev. June's bio can be found below.

Call to a Special Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ

To: Member Churches and Ministers of the Conference

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2014

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 pm Eastern Standard Time

Location: Victory for the World in Stone Mountain, Georgia



Rev. June Boutwell, candidate for Designated Conference Minister

Purpose: To consider a call for a Conference Minister and other matters related to such call.

This meeting is called by the Board of Directors in accordance with Article III of the Bylaws. The Board has received the report of the Conference Minister Search Committee and recommends that the Conference call the Rev. June Evlen Boutwell to serve as Conference Minister for a designated term of three years.

Voting Delegates are:

1. All authorized ministers holding standing in the Conference or its Associations.
2. Lay delegates for each member congregation. The number of delegates from each member church is determined as follows:
 - a. Each member church is entitled to 3 voting delegates.
 - b. Congregations with over 100 members may have one additional voting delegate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof.
 - c. No church shall have more than 10 delegates.
3. Members of the Board of Directors.

Please share this notice with all ministers in your congregation and your delegates to the Conference. Enclosed you will also find a brief biography of Rev. Boutwell.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta for the start of a new time in the ministry of the Southeast Conference of our beloved United Church of Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Jim Crabb

Rev. June Boutwell's Bio

June Boutwell is a life-long United Church of Christ member. She brings a wide variety of geographic locations and secular and ministry experience to her own ministry. She grew up in a UCC church in a small town in eastern Wyoming and started serving the church as a member of the children's choir in third grade. She was an active member of the youth group, a youth delegate to Association and Annual Conference meetings, and served on several Conference committees as a young adult.

She later volunteered as a Sunday School teacher, Church School Superintendent, Christian education committee chair, and coordinator of the confirmation program. She has served as a local church deacon and trustee and volunteer for the local church food pantry. She has chaired a capital campaign committee for a local church and worked with several other local church campaigns.

Before attending seminary as a second career student, she worked as an accountant with experience in

auditing, tax preparation, and small business and non-profit accounting. She is a graduate of Bangor Theological Seminary, a UCC seminary located in Maine. After graduating, she served a post seminary internship in Oregon. While a member of the Central Pacific Conference, she served two churches as an interim associate pastor, was summer camp program director at Camp Adams, chaired the Conference Multiracial/Multicultural Ministry Committee and served as a volunteer youth ministry consultant.

While serving as the Associate Pastor of Bethel Church in Beaverton, Oregon, she was called to the national staff of the UCC holding the portfolio for Youth, Young Adult, and Outdoor Ministries within the Worship and Education Ministry Team of Local Church Ministries for five years. During that time she was the staff lead for the 2004 National Youth Event in Knoxville and worked with the planning process and provided program support for five Regional Youth Events. She was a member of the General Synod worship committee, staff lead for two General Synod youth halls including the joint UCC/Disciples of Christ Synod/Assembly in Kansas City. She also was a staff facilitator for the joint UCC/Disciples of Christ women's gathering, Mix in '06. She served as staff advisor to the national Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries. She worked closely with the Young People of Color program in Justice and Witness Ministries and with Wider Church Ministries Volunteer Ministry. She has been an active member of UCC Pacific Islander Asian American Ministries (PAAM) and worked with colleagues in United Black Christians, Council on Hispanic Ministries, and Council for American Indian Ministries. While on national staff she was a UCC representative to the National Council of Churches and worked with several ecumenical youth ministry initiatives and development and publication of an ecumenical outdoor ministry curriculum.

She was called as Transitional Associate Conference Minister for the Maine Conference in 2005. While on Maine Conference staff she worked with the search and call process with dozens of churches and worked with new church development and congregations seeing UCC affiliation. She became the primary trainer for pastors, association leadership, lay leaders, and seminarians in the area of clergy boundary awareness, and served as staff to five Church and Ministry Committees. She worked with the New England Regional Staff training team introducing the Ministry Issues Pronouncement. She also served a local church interim while in Maine.

She began serving as Interim Associate Conference Minister in the Southern California Nevada Conference in 2008. She was then called as the Executive Director of Pilgrim Pines Camp and served that active ministry for three years. Most recently she has been serving a local church interim in a Disciples of Christ congregation in Riverside, California.

She loves new experiences, delights in her friends and family, sings in the local church choir, is a liturgical dancer and choreographer, and enjoys needlework, reading, and puzzles. She is the proud mother of two adult sons who live in Wyoming and Oregon.

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